BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268–0001

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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

OBJECTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE (OCA/USPS-136)

The United States Postal Service hereby objects to interrogatory

OCA/USPS-136. This interrogatory refers to a news report that the Postal Service "has organized a team that over the next few weeks will begin work planning the 2003 and 2005 rate cases" Because the interrogatory relates to a period beyond the test year, it is outside the scope of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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